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SUBJECT: FY 75-76 NARCOTICS PROGRAM REVIEW

1. LATIN AMERICAN INTER-AGENCY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE (LAINCC) HAS REVIEWED FY 1975 PROGRAM AND FUNDING ESTIMATES, AS WELL AS PROPOSED NCAP FOR FY 1976, AND LAINCC CONCLUSIONS SET FORTH BELOW HAVE BEEN CONCURRED IN BY AMBASSADOR VANCE, COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS.

2. APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT FY 1975 PROGRAM IS BEING DEFERRED PENDING FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SITUATION IN ARGENTINA AS IT RELATES TO NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, AND OUTLOOK FOR EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF U.S. ASSISTANCE. LAINCC IS CONCERNED OVER INDICATIONS THAT SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED MAY NOT BE FULLY OR PROPERLY USED FOR DIRECT NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, AND THAT PERSONNEL TRAINED IN NARCOTICS WORK ARE NOT CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO
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SUCH WORK. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON FOREGOING WOULD BE APPRE-

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CIATED TOGETHER WITH ITS ASSESSMENT OF GOA ATTITUDES AND INTENTIONS AT BOTH POLITICAL AND POLICE LEVELS TOWARD PURSUING AN AGGRESSIVE, EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORT.

3. PENDING SUCH REVIEW AND SUBSEQUENT DECISION, FUNDING LEVELS FOR FY 75 (DOLS 111.4 THOUSAND EXCLUSIVE OF TRAINING), AND FOR FY 76 (DOLS 75 THOUSAND) ARE BEING MAINTAINED AT PROPOSED LEVELS FOR PLANNING AND BUDGETING PURPOSES. LEVEL FOR FY 1975 INCLUDES DOLS 50.3 THOUSAND FOR CUSTOMS, 31 THOUSAND FOR FEDERAL POLICE, AND 30.1 THOUSAND FOR CONATON AND CENARESCO. LEVEL FOR FY 76 INCLUDES DOLS 25 THOUSAND FOR CUSTOMS AND DOLS 50 THOUSAND FOR FEDERAL POLICE. (TRAINING REQUEST FOR FY 1975 ESTIMATED TO COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS 28.7 THOUSAND AT CURRENT COST FACTOR. SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PLANNING GUIDELINES SINCE TRAINING IS CENTRALLY FUNDED.) WE ARE REVIEWING TRAINING REQUESTS THAT HAVE COME IN FROM FIELD IN LIGHT OF OVERALL STUDY BEING UNDERTAKEN IN WASHINGTON TO DETERMINE HOW BEST WE CAN RESTRUCTURE TRAINING PROGRAMS TO CORRESPOND MORE EFFECTIVELY TO COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS. EXPECT REVIEW BE COMPLETED BY END CALENDAR YEAR AND WILL ADVISE EMBASSY OF RESULTS BY SEPTEL.

4. FUNDING APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE FOR PROPOSED ASSISTANCE TO TREATMENT CENTER. PLEASE PRESENT ASAP REVISED PROPOSAL AS DISCUSSED WITH ROSENTHAL IN MEXICO CITY, REMOVING REQUESTS FOR AMENITIES SUCH AS TV SETS AND CONCENTRATING INSTEAD ON TECHNICAL AND OTHER SUPPORT DIRECTLY RELATED TO TREATMENT. INGERSOLL

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